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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT 37 CFR 1.173(b), (c)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

## Please add new claims 16-43 as follows:

- 16. A method for fabricating a semiconductor device, comprising the steps of:
- a) forming a semiconductor layer of a Group III nitride containing a dopant over a substrate; and
- b) applying RF power on the semiconductor layer, thereby making the conductivity type of the semiconductor layer p-type.
- 17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the step b) is conducted in an ambient of plasma.

